REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have revised Claims 44, 45, 57 and 58 as discussed during the telephone interview. Applicants understand that these amendments overcome the objections set forth in section 2 of the final Office Action.

Concurrently with this Amendment, Applicants are filing a Notice of Appeal. An Appeal Brief will be filed in due course.

If any issues remain that can potentially be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at his direct dial number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 12-5-06

By: ______Ronald J. Schoenbaum

Registration No. 38,297 Attorney of Record Customer No. 20,995

(949) 721-2950

3148981_I 112706